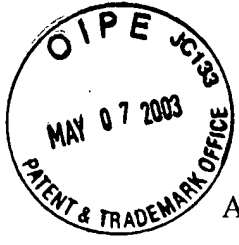


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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

Sir:

The following Amendment & Response is responsive to the Office Action dated November 11, 2002 for the above-identified patent application. This Amendment and Response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time, extending the response date up to and including May 6, 2003. Accordingly this Amendment and Response is timely filed.

In response to the Office Action of November 11, 2002, kindly amend the application as follows: